

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on September 7, 2006, the Examiner has allowed claims 9, 11 and 15. The Examiner has also rejected claims 5 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 101 and claims 1, 3, 7, 17-19, 21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Allowed claims

The Examiner is thanked for entering the Applicants' amendment filed on June 9, 2006. The Examiner is also thanked for allowing claims 9, 11 and 15.

Amendment

It is respectfully submitted that notwithstanding that Applicants sustain that they have been the first to invent a system and method for identifying some or all of the geometrical cells of a model, by input being easily scriptable (declared by a user in a simple and intuitive syntax), and consisting of the definition of a constraint of a set of constraints on the properties of the target cell/s, and maintain the arguments presented in previous amendments, Applicants hereby cancel claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 13, 17-19, 21, 23 and 24 for the purposes of expediting the prosecution of the present application. In light of the misunderstanding of the claim language because of perceived ambiguity by the Examiner, Applicants are satisfied that the remaining claims in the case essentially claim the same subject matter without any issue of ambiguous terminology.

Claim 25 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 9. Claim 25 now contains all the limitations of claim 9, and contains further limitations. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 25 is believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons that claim 9 is allowed.

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Rejections

In view of the cancellation of claims 5 and 13, the rejection of claims 5 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 101 is moot. In view of the cancellation of claims 1, 3, 7, 17-19, 21 and 23, the rejection of claims 1, 3, 7, 17-19, 21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is moot.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 13, 17-19, 21, 23 and 24 have been canceled. Claim 25 has been amended. Claims 9, 11, 15 and 25 are pending.

For the foregoing reasons, allowance of this application is courteously urged.

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